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- 1. A method of presenting an execution plan for a query, comprising: determining steps of the query execution plan in a parallel database
- 3 system;
- displaying the steps of the query execution plan in a graphical user
- 5 interface; and
- depicting parallel execution of steps of the query execution plan in the
- 7 graphical user interface.
 - 2. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the steps comprises determining steps of the query execution plan in the parallel database system running in a multiprocessing platform having plural nodes.
 - 3. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the steps comprises determining steps of the query execution plan in the parallel database system running in a platform having plural virtual processors to handle access to data in the parallel database system.
 - 4. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the steps comprises displaying the steps as icons.
 - 5. The method of daim 1, wherein the database management system is executable in a platform, and wherein displaying the icons comprises displaying one or more of the icons selected from the group consisting of an icon representing a table, an icon representing an operation performed on a component of the platform, an icon representing a query statement, and icon representing an operation performed on two or more tables.

The method of claim 1, wherein determining the steps of the query execution plan is performed by an optimizer.

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(7.	The method of claim 6, wherein determining the steps of the query
execi	ution pla	in is performed by an optimizer based on emulated environment data of a
targe	t system	, the optimizer and emulated environment data present in a test system.
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- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the steps of the query execution plan is performed in a test system based on emulated environment data of a target system that is separate from the test system.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying explain text of the query execution plan.
 - 10. The method of claim 9, wherein displaying the explain text comprises displaying the explain text in a first screen, and wherein displaying the steps of the query execution plan comprises displaying the steps in a second screen.
 - determining a first execution plan of the query under a first condition; determining a second execution plan of the query under a second condition; and displaying the first and second execution plans concurrently to enable comparison of the execution plans.

A method of testing performance of a query, comprising:

- 12. The method of claim 11, wherein displaying the first and second execution plans comprises displaying the execution plans in a graphical user interface.
 - 13. The method of claim 11, wherein displaying the first and second execution plans comprises displaying the execution plans in a graphical user interface having a first screen to display the first execution plan and a second screen to display the second execution plan.

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- 1 14. The method of claim 11, wherein displaying the first and second execution 2 plans comprises displaying a collection of icons to represent steps of each of the 3 execution plans. 1 15. The method of claim 11, further comprising: 2 determining a third execution plan of the query under a third condition; 3 and 4 displaying the first, second, and third execution plans concurrently to enable comparison of the execution plans. 5 1 16. The method of claim 11, wherein determining the first execution plan 2 comprises determining an execution plan for the query in cooperation with a first version 2 3 1 2 3 1 COULD 2 3 of a software module of a parallel database system. The method of claim 16, wherein determining the second execution plan 17. comprises determining an execution plan for the query in cooperation with a second version of the software module of the parallel database system. The method of claim 11, wherein determining the first execution plan 18. comprises determining an execution plan for the query in a system having a first arrangement. The method of claim 18, wherein determining the second execution plan 1 19. 2 comprises determining an execution plan for the query in a system having a second 3 arrangement.
 - 20. The method of claim 11, wherein determining the first execution plan 1 2 comprises determining an execution plan involving a table having a first content.
 - 21. The method of claim 20, wherein determining the second execution plan comprises determining an execution plan involving the table having a second content.

	1	22. The method of claim 21, wherein determining the second content contains	
	2	statistics.	
)	1	23. A system comprising:	
ز	2	a graphical user interface; and	
	3	a\controller to determine an execution plan of a query based on emulation	
	4	data that emulates an environment of a target system in which a parallel database system	
	5	is implemented,	
	6	the controller displaying a representation of the execution plan in the	
	7	7 graphical user interface.	
	ل لـــ	The system of claim 23, wherein the emulation data comprises cost-related	
Harry Head	2	information including a number of nodes in the target system and a number of CPUs in	
Trus Trus	3	each node.	
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	1	25. The system of claim 23, wherein the emulation data comprises cost-related	
	2	information including a number of virtual processors running in the target system.	
	1	26. The system of claim 23, wherein the emulation data comprises cost-related	
	2	information relating to costs of doing operations in the target system.	
	1	27. The system of claim 23, wherein the emulation data represents a target	
	2	system having a multi-node parallel processing system.	
	1	28. The system of claim 23, therein the emulation data represents a target	
	2	system having a single-node multiprodessing system.	
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_	1	The system of claim 23, wherein the emulation data represents a target	
	2h'	system running plural virtual processors for handling access to the parallel database	
	3	system.	

1 30. An article comprising one or more storage media containing instructions
2 that when executed cause a controller to:
3 determine an execution plan of a query for a parallel database system
4 executable in a parallel system;
5 display the steps of the execution plan in a graphical user interface; and
6 depict parallel execution of steps of the execution plan in the graphical
7 user interface.

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